



George Wagner Middle School Athletic Handbook



**A Wolf perseveres through adversity, puts the team
before themselves, and leads the pack with their strength
of character.**

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Wolfpack RESPONSIBILITIES

- Follow all rules outlined below and in the district GISD Athletic Handbook.
- Follow all Wagner rules, as well as the student Code of Conduct.
- Represent your family, your team, and yourself with appropriate behaviors and actions.
- Set high academic standards for yourself.

Athletic Expectations

The purpose of athletics is to help students work toward their goals of making a school sports team by providing opportunities to build skills and support overall athletic development. Athletics is not intended to serve as a general workout class. To maintain eligibility, all students enrolled in athletics must participate in at least one team sport and are expected to try out for a second sport during the school year. Each sport will have specific guidelines that must be met to receive credit for participation.

Athlete Conduct Expectations

Members of the Wagner Wolfpack athletic program are expected to conduct themselves in a way that reflects pride and honor in Wagner Middle School, the Georgetown community, and the athletic program. No athlete has the right to say or do anything that may hurt, embarrass, or degrade themselves, their teammates, or their coaches. Any behavior that does not align with the values of the Georgetown community will result in appropriate disciplinary action.

Athletes are expected to behave appropriately in all classes and on any campus they visit. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary measures, such as “Character Builders.”

Penalties for inappropriate conduct may include physical conditioning, game suspension, a player contract, or dismissal from the team.

Social Media

See the [GISD Athlete Code of Conduct](#) for more information.

Uniform & Equipment Expectations

Athletes must purchase a practice uniform to be worn daily during the athletic period. Replacements can be obtained from a coach or CenTex Shirt & Embroidery. Sweats may be purchased; if not, a set will be issued (sizing not guaranteed) and may only be worn during athletic events or practices. Replacement cost for lost or missing sweats is \$30 per piece.

Practice uniforms must have names written by coaches. Shorts may be rolled only once, shirts must be tucked in, and athletic shoes worn daily. Sweats are required when temperatures are below 50°F, with the athletic uniform underneath. Cold gear may be worn under the uniform, but

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sweats are still required during warm-ups. Failure to follow uniform guidelines may result in physical consequences and grade deductions.

Game uniforms and warm-up tops are issued on game day and must be returned to the coach before leaving. Athletes will not be allowed to sign out with a parent until their uniform is turned in. Uniforms will be washed at school and reissued; parents are financially responsible for lost or damaged items. Only neutral-colored undergarments and headbands are allowed during competition. Sport-specific rules will be reviewed each season.

Each athlete must bring a labeled water bottle to every workout and practice.

Hair and Jewelry Guidelines

Hair must be pulled back away from the face using appropriate athletic hair ties or headbands. Metal or plastic clips are not permitted at any time.

Jewelry—including bracelets, anklets, watches, and rings—regardless of material (metal, plastic, or thread), is not allowed during athletics, practices, or games. New piercings should not be done before a season begins. Stud earrings will only be allowed during the off-season and must be removed for all games and practices. Hoops, dangles, drops, spikes, and similar styles are strictly prohibited at all times.

Covering a piercing with a bandage is not allowed and is a violation of UIL rules. Failure to remove jewelry will result in daily consequences and may negatively impact the athlete's grade.

Locker Room Expectations

Each athlete will be issued a locker and a combination lock. (lost or broken locks are \$7) Locker rooms must remain clean and picked up at all times. Food is not allowed unless sealed in a lunchbox or bag; water is permitted.

All personal items must be locked up using the issued lock. Coaches are not responsible for lost or stolen items—valuable belongings should be left at home. Lockers and combinations must not be shared.

Cell Phone/Personal Device Policy

Use of personal devices on buses or at games is at the discretion of the sport-specific coach. All parents are encouraged to join SportsYou for current information regarding game times, bus arrivals, and other important team updates. Use of cell phones and personal devices are not permitted in the locker room at any time.

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Eligibility Requirements

To participate in extracurricular activities, students must maintain a grade of 70 or higher in all classes, per the eligibility guidelines on the school website. Eligibility checks occur at the end of the first six weeks and each nine-week grading period. Ineligible students will be suspended from competition for three weeks but must still dress out and attend practices. They may not travel or compete during this time.

Coaches will share eligibility timelines throughout the year. Students in advanced courses may apply for a one-time waiver, which must be approved by the teacher, coach, and administrator. It is the student's responsibility to complete this process.

Athletes are encouraged to work with teachers and schedule tutorials outside of athletic commitments.

Eligibility in 8th Grade Athletics

In order to participate in 8th-grade athletics, a student must have participated in at least two sports during their 7th-grade year.

ISS/OSS/GAP

Students placed in ISS are required to practice with their team before and/or after school but are not allowed to participate in contests until after they have completed their ISS assignment. **If an athlete serves ISS on a game day they will not be allowed to attend or participate in any athletic events that evening.** The athlete will complete extra conditioning for each day in ISS. Students assigned OSS will not practice with their team until they return to school and will not compete with their team until they have made up the same number of days missed. Makeups will be scheduled at the coach's discretion. Students assigned GAP will not practice or play until reinstated on their campus. After being reinstated, the student must complete 30 hours of community service and practice for three weeks before being eligible to participate in contests.

Fundraising/Concessions

Athletes are encouraged to participate in team fundraisers that directly support our athletic program. Parent involvement is essential for the success of our program. Parents will be asked to work in the concession stand throughout the season. You will not be scheduled to work during your child's game, but each family is expected to sign up for **one game** and **two tournament shifts** per sport. Assignments will be made at the start of each season. If you are unable to work your assigned shift, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

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Practice/Games/Tournaments

Being part of athletics and a team is a commitment and a responsibility—not only to yourself, but to your teammates and coaches. Athletes are expected to arrive on time or early to all practices, games, and team activities. Attendance is mandatory for all team events.

We understand that extenuating circumstances may occasionally arise. In such cases, a parent must email the grade-level coach as soon as possible to communicate the absence.

Appointments should be scheduled outside of athletic periods, practices, and games whenever possible. Please refer to the attendance policy below for further details.

Tryouts are highly competitive, and making a team comes with expectations. Wagner athletics must take priority over any club team obligations. Athletes are not permitted to miss Wagner practices or games for club-related activities.

Attendance Policy

A student-athlete may not participate in the next competition until all missed practices are made up. Make-up workouts will be predetermined and include conditioning and independent sport-specific drills.

Each sport's make-up policy will be shared after team selections. Excessive absences will result in additional consequences. Missing a game without prior communication will impact playing time. Athletes who miss a game without providing written notice at least five days in advance and without an approved excuse will be required to sit out the following game. Excused absences with timely written notice may be exempt from this consequence.

This year's tournament dates are as follows:

- Volleyball – September 10, 13, 24, and 27
- Basketball – November 14–15 and December 12–13
- Soccer – May 2 and May 9

Athletes who accept a spot on a team are expected to commit to participating in all scheduled tournaments.

Quitting a Team

Before deciding to quit a team, the athlete must first speak with their coach to discuss any concerns or issues. If a resolution cannot be reached, the coach will contact the athlete's parents to continue the conversation. If the athlete still chooses to quit, they will be required to complete makeup workouts for any competitions missed due to quitting. These workouts must be completed outside of the athletic period and must be finished before the athlete is eligible to try out for or participate in another sport.

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Injury, Illness & Return to Play

Aerin Henderson is returning as our shared athletic trainer for Wagner and Tippit. Her monthly schedule will be posted in the athletics office and on SportsYou. We encourage all athletes to utilize our trainer for injuries, as this service is free, convenient, and includes rehabilitation exercises to support a quick and safe return to play. Ms. Henderson will determine when a doctor visit is necessary.

If an athlete sustains a concussion, parents will be contacted by Ms. Henderson with information about the state-mandated concussion protocol and the return-to-play process.

If your athlete sees a doctor or chiropractor for any injury or illness, they must return with a note to participate. If participation is limited, the note should include specific exercises the athlete is cleared to perform and a return date. A doctor's note is required for any injury or illness that limits participation in Athletics, including follow-up appointments.

Injured athletes are still expected to dress out and attend all practices and games unless otherwise directed by a doctor.

If an athlete needs to miss a workout due to illness, a parent note must be provided. Parent notes will be accepted for up to two days; after that, a doctor's note is required. All notes will be kept on file. Athletes who are excused from physical activity will still be expected to dress out and complete an alternate assignment.

Travel & Transportation

Transportation will be provided to and from athletic contests held outside of Georgetown. Athletes are encouraged to ride home with a parent when possible. Parents must sign out their athlete with a coach before leaving the event. Athletes will not be allowed to ride home with anyone other than their parent or legal guardian.

For contests held at Georgetown schools (Forbes, Benold, Tippit, EVHS, or GHS Annex), there will not be a return bus to Wagner. All athletes must be picked up at the competition site. Excessive late pick-ups may result in consequences, including the possibility of missing future games.

Communication

All communication regarding your athlete—especially concerning athletics, injury, or illness—should be directed to Coach LeCompte at lecomptec@georgetownisd.org and your athlete's in-season coach. For team-specific questions or concerns, please contact the coach of



that team directly.

We will use SportsYou as our primary platform for quick updates and important announcements. Please make sure you are signed up. If you need the access code, reach out to your athlete's coach.

Conflict Resolution

We like to teach our athletes to advocate for themselves. Below you will find the district chain of command. If there is ever a problem, please follow the procedures listed below.

1. Player meets with the coach and assistant coach to discuss the problem.
2. If the problem is unresolved, then a scheduled meeting between the Parent, Player, and the Coach of the sport will be held.
3. If the problem is still unresolved, a scheduled meeting between Player, Parent, Coach, and Campus Athletic Coordinator will be held.
4. If the problem is still unresolved, a scheduled meeting between Player, Parent, Coach, Campus Athletic Coordinator, and Assistant Principal will be held.
5. If the problem is still unresolved, a scheduled meeting between Player, Parent, Coach, Campus Athletic Coordinator, and High School Athletic Coordinator will be held.
6. If the problem is still not resolved, a scheduled meeting between Player, Parent, Coaches, Coordinator, and Athletic Director will be held.

We value positive and respectful communication between parents, athletes, and coaches. Our goal is to work together to support your child's growth, both on and off the field. Concerns should be approached calmly and at the appropriate time so that we can have productive conversations focused on solutions.

Coaches should never be approached immediately after a contest to discuss concerns. Please reach out and we will set something up as needed.

Thank you for taking the time to review our guidelines and expectations. Our athletic program is built on commitment, accountability, and teamwork, and we're excited to partner with you in supporting your students' growth both on and off the field.

Please complete the Handbook Acknowledgement Form [HERE](#).



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